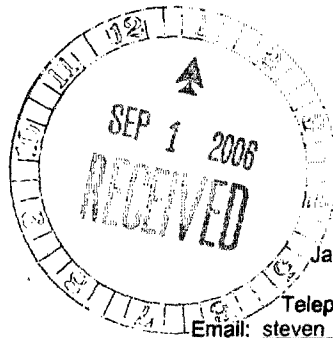




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Re: **STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 645X)**
CSX Transportation, Inc. - Abandonment
Exemption - in Floyd County, Kentucky

Dear Secretary Williams:

The Middle Creek National Battlefield Foundation ("Middle Creek") requested a notice of interim trail use/rail banking for approximately 9.1 miles of railroad between milepost COQ-1.0 at McNalley and milepost COQ-10.1 near East David, in Floyd County, KY in the above-entitled proceeding. The current extension of the negotiating period expires on September 1, 2006. CSX Transportation ("CSXT") has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with Middle Creek, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with Middle Creek. CSXT respectfully requests the Board to grant a 180-day extension of time to February 28, 2007 to negotiate trail use with Middle Creek. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests a 180-day extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to April 28, 2007.

Enclosed please find the original and 10 copies of this letter, and a filing fee of \$350.00. Please time and date stamp a copy of this letter and return it with the enclosed self-addressed and stamped letter.

Thank you for your assistance and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Armbrust', written in a cursive style.

Steven C. Armbrust

cc: Mr. Fitzpatrick